

C. REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 37 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 37 are currently amended.

Amended Claims Presented in Condition For Allowance

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 37 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. [Office Action, p. 2]

In particular, regarding claim 1, the Office Action requests the following changes, to correct issues of insufficient antecedent basis for the limitations in the claim:

“said sample” line 7 in page 2 should be changed to “a sample”

“for storage of said sample” line 9 should be changed to “for said storage of said sample”

“of said stored electronic work” line 13 should be changed to “of stored electronic work”.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as currently amended, reflects the changes requested by the Examiner. In view of the amendments to claim 1, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and allowance of claim 1 and claims 2 and 4-11, as dependent claims of an allowable independent claim.

In addition, regarding claim 37, the Office Action also requests the following changes, to correct issues of insufficient antecedent basis for the limitations in the claim:

“said sample” line 5 in page 5 should be changed to “a sample”

“storing a sample” line 11 should be changed to “storing said sample”

“with digital rights rules” line 11 should be changed to “with said digital rights rules”

“of said stored electronic work” line 14 should be changed to “of stored electronic work”.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 37, as currently amended, reflects the changes requested by the Examiner. In view of the amendments to claim 37, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 37 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and allowance of claim 37.

Conclusion

Applicants note the citation of pertinent prior art cited by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections and the allowance of the current pending claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that the pending claims could be allowed with minor changes, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss an Examiner's Amendment.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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